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DEATH AND DEVASTATION IN THE HURRICANE'S WAKE. AMERICA'S PROMPT RESPONSE TO THE FAMINE CRY.

Mayors of Great Cities Telegraph the Journal They Will Help the Sufferers.

Meetings of Citizens Called at Every Point to Devise Ways for Sending Relief to Porto Rico.

In order to bring Porto Rico's call for help before the people, the Journal telegraphed yesterday the Mayors of the principal cities in the Union asking what might be expected from their municipalities.

The responses show that all the American cities have accepted Porto Rico as a sister in a family of States, and will meet her appeal for help with large-hearted generosity.

In almost every instance the response was as prompt as it was generous. The Mayor of San Francisco himself headed the subscription in the Western metropolis and other Mayors followed his example.

They all realized that there was no time to waste, and the work of raising funds in response to General Davis's message is already under way from one end of the continent to the other. The messages of the Mayors will bring hope to the sufferers from the dread catastrophe.

They will indicate to the people of Porto Rico, that "benevolent assimilation" is more than a fine-sounding phrase.

CHICAGO PROMISES TO DO HER SHARE.

CHICAGO, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of the New York Journal: I have no doubt Chicago will respond to the Porto Ricans' appeal for aid, as she has always responded to appeals of the communities in distress, by doing her full share and more.

The people of Chicago have always held in grateful recollection the great kindness which was shown them at the time of the great fire of 1871, and every appeal from a suffering people has always found quick and earnest response.

CHARLES M. WALKER, Acting Mayor.

SAN FRANCISCO'S MAYOR GIVES \$100.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of the New York Journal: San Francisco is now busy making a collection of \$50,000 for the reception and care of the volunteer army of the Philippines, the well and the wounded, arriving regularly at this port, otherwise I would make the public appeal on behalf of the strangers at Porto Rico. Credit me, however, with a subscription of \$100, which I will remit with any other volunteer subscriptions that I receive. The public will be advised of the facts and that subscriptions may be left at my office.

JAMES D. PHELAN, Mayor.

BALTIMORE WILL RESPOND GENEROUSLY.

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 11.—We should do all we can for the suffering Porto Ricans, and I believe Baltimore will respond liberally to the appeal for help. The inhabitants of the island are a part of us and of our great country now, and our feeling toward them should be more than neighborly, it should be brotherly. Through the visitation of this calamity many of them are rendered helpless, and it devolves upon us to go to their assistance speedily.

I have heard nothing officially about the distress, and should the occasion require, when I do hear, I shall be glad to issue an appeal. I know Baltimore will respond generously.

WILLIAM T. MALSTER, Mayor.

BOSTON'S MAYOR CALLS A MEETING.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—Telegram from Secretary of War making appeal for funds to relieve distress in Porto Rico only reached me late this afternoon. I am arranging to call a meeting of business men to-morrow to organize a committee to raise funds.

JOSIAH QUINCY, Mayor.

ROCHESTER'S RESPONSE WILL BE HEARTY.

ROCHESTER, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of the New York Journal: I shall consult with our citizens as to the best way to go about complying with the request of the Secretary of War, and am confident that our people will speedily and heartily respond to the cry of suffering humanity and do their share to alleviate the distress.

GEORGE E. WARNER, Mayor.

CINCINNATI TO THE RESCUE.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 11.—Mayor Gustav Tafel will issue a proclamation, probably to-morrow morning, calling for subscriptions and supplies. The proclamation will urge a quick response and will call upon all organizations to come to the rescue.

ST. PAUL'S AID TO OUR NEW SISTER.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of the New York Journal: The city of St. Paul will be among the first cities of the United States to respond to the appeal for help of our new-born

SECRETARY ROOT'S APPEAL FOR AID.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Secretary of War Root, at the suggestion of President McKinley, has sent the following appeal to the Mayors of all cities of more than 150,000 population:



Secretary Root.

Sir—The Governor-General of Porto Rico confirms the report that upon the 8th instant a hurricane swept over that island, entirely demolishing many of the towns, destroying many lives and reducing, so far as he can estimate, not less than one hundred thousand of the inhabitants to the condition of absolute destitution, without homes or food. Unless immediate and effective relief is given these unfortunate people will perish of famine.

Under these conditions the President deems that an appeal should be made to the humanity of the American people. It is an appeal to their patriotism also, for the inhabitants of Porto Rico have freshly and gladly submitted themselves to the guardianship of the United States, and have voluntarily surrendered the protection of Spain, to which they were formerly entitled, confidently relying upon more generous and beneficent treatment at our hands. The highest considerations of honor and good faith unite with the promptings of humanity to require from the United States a generous response to the demand of Porto Rican distress.

This department has directed the immediate distribution of rations to the sufferers by the army in Porto Rico, so far as it is within the power of the Executive, but in the absence of any appropriation we must rely largely upon private contributions.

I beg that you will call upon the public-spirited and humane people of your city to take active and immediate measures in this exigency. The Government transport McPherson will be sent directly from the Port of New York to Porto Rico on Monday, the 14th instant, to carry all supplies of food which can be obtained. Further transportation will be sent at future dates, of which public notice will be given.

Any committee charged with the raising of funds will receive full information and advise upon communicating with this department. Very respectfully,
ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

sister, Porto Rico. I shall at once bring the matter before the City Council, and I am certain that substantial aid will be sent from St. Paul.

A. R. KIEFER, Mayor.

DENVER'S RESPONSE.

DENVER, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of the New York Journal: I will issue an appeal to the people of Denver to-morrow in response to the request of Secretary Root, and will urge immediate contributions to the Porto Rico relief fund. Denver will undoubtedly respond with her customary liberality.

HENRY V. JOHNSON, Mayor.

LOUISVILLE WILL DO HER FULL SHARE.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of the New York Journal: I have no power to use the city's finances, but I shall address a communication to the General Council, calling attention to the distressing conditions on the island, and I feel sure an appropriation will be made to relieve the suffering.

Kentucky never fails to answer the cry of distress, and I feel that Louisville, now, as in the past, will do her full share.

CHARLES P. WEAVER, Mayor.

OMAHA'S HEARTY SYMPATHY.

OMAHA, Aug. 11.—Mayor Frank E. Moores said this evening that he was in hearty sympathy with any movement looking to the relief of the Porto Ricans.

The Mayor will consult with members of the Council to-morrow.

LOUISVILLE'S GENERAL COUNCIL WILL ACT.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 11.—The matter will be referred to the General Council, which is clothed with authority to act in such matters.

CHARLES P. WEAVER, Mayor.

BUFFALO WILL RESPOND NOBLY.

BUFFALO, Aug. 11.—To the Editor of the New York Journal: I think it is the duty of the Federal Government to aid the people of Porto Rico, but Buffalo will respond nobly and do her share.

CONRAD DIEHL, Mayor.

Hundreds Dead in Porto Rico and the Survivors Are Homeless and Starving and Crying for Succor.

All the West Indies Suffered Severely from the Fury of the Tempest, and It Is Expected to Strike the Coast of Florida About Jupiter This Morning.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., AUG. 12.—IT IS REPORTED, BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED, THAT MIAMI, FLA., HAS SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE. THE STORM IS CENTRAL AT NASSAU, N. P., AND MOVING NORTH. HEAVY GALES ARE PREDICTED ALONG THE FLORIDA COAST.

By Theophile Deve.

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CAPE HAITIEN, Aug. 11.—From every point reached by the West Indian cables comes the tale of disaster, and every message makes the situation graver than before. The largest city in the way of the cyclone was Ponce, Porto Rico. The storm coming upon it direct from the southeast, banked up the water in the river, shattered the docks, swept vessels ashore, unroofed houses and slaughtered people. The last report over the cable is that three hundred bodies have been recovered there. We cannot even get an estimate of the probable number of deaths.

All of the towns in the path of the cyclone report loss of life. The eastern islands received the blow without warning. At almost the same hour Point a Pitre, St. Louis, Marie Galante and Saintes Toitures were smitten. Of these only Point a Pitre remains in communication with the rest of the world. The other towns may have been blown flat. That they have suffered severely is absolutely certain. Fortunately the centre of the storm passed to northward of Martinique, else the tale of death would have been much longer.

Cities Razed and the Death List Grows.

Point a Pitre is levelled to the ground. Only a few of the stanchest walls remain of what was a busy island town. Nearly a hundred dead are reported in and about the place. The death list grows with every report, though many of the inhabitants saved themselves by flocking to the churches, which are the most solidly built structures throughout the West Indies, and therefore generally escaped complete destruction.

Gaudaloupe suffered more than any other island except Porto Rico. The large vessels in the harbors generally managed to beat out to sea, and whether they foundered there or rode out the storm in safety is not yet known. The steamship Hirondele was unable to get clear and was blown upon the beach, where she remained. The Alcyon, running before the storm, had her poop deck crushed, and narrowly escaped foundering.

The French cruiser Cecile, that was thought to be lost, rode out the storm in safety. Plantations around La Moule, Guadeloupe, are in ruins for miles.

Annihilation and Destruction Broadcast.

Farm houses and sugar mills were torn to pieces. The peasants' huts were lifted bodily and scattered over the fields. There are sixty dead reported from this vicinity alone. Five others were killed at Bertrand. The last message from St. Louis was that there were many killed and injured.

Gripion, Lamantin and several other villages were utterly destroyed. Survivors coming to Point a Pitre say that practically the whole population is annihilated. It will be days before the statistics from the Leeward Islands are complete.

The next prominent point struck by the cyclone was St. Kitts, though before the storm reached that settlement a half dozen fishing villages were wiped off the island and hundreds of small boats swept upon the beach.

St. Kitts has not yet made up its list of dead. But from the fact that 200 houses in the town itself were entirely demolished on the extent of the catastrophe may be gained.

Hurricane Leaped Over St. Thomas.

The mountains back of St. Thomas and the fact that that harbor points to the west saved it from severe loss. Some outlying structures were crushed, but the storm generally leaped over the town to descend again in Porto Rico.

The land wires being all down, no word can be secured from the eastern coast towns in Porto Rico. They were exposed to the full fury of the storm, and what happened to Ponce may be taken as an index of what occurred there.

Ponce is in a state of utter demoralization. The Weather Bureau gave notice of the storm, but the Alcalde, Porrata Doria, considered the information merely a routine report, and did not give it out. As a result, hundreds, may be thousands, of persons in that vicinity were killed and thousands more left destitute.

Mob Wanted Vengeance on the Alcalde.

The confusion that followed the disaster was augmented by a mob of a thousand persons bent on securing vengeance on the Alcalde for their losses. The United States Cavalry had to charge the mob before it dispersed, and a United States Army officer is now at the head of the city.

The storm descended with terrific suddenness. A tidal wave rushed up the bay, wrecking wharves, capsizing small boats and flooding the beach. This wave was followed by others of even greater size, while the wind, with a velocity of more than seventy miles an hour, unroofed houses and filled the air with flying debris that killed many.

The tide rushed up the Portuguese and Cannas rivers, which are ordinarily streams a man can walk across, and, while the rain in the mountains swelled them enormously, the sea water forced them from their channels and spread them over the city. Every street was a raging torrent, in which flowed debris, furniture and the bodies of animals and human beings.

Plague of Thirst Adds to Ponce's Woe.

This water also flooded the cisterns on which the city was dependent, and the plague of thirst is now added to the other misfortunes of the people of Ponce.

Many of the handsome stores are ruined. The roofs have either been torn off or the water from the streets has flooded their floors. The city is practically under martial law. But, except for the attack on the Alcalde, there has been little violence.

The people are too utterly demoralized even to pillage, and the soldiers and local police are busy principally in helping the sufferers. During the storm they saved many lives by the greatest heroism.

The soldiers' barracks were badly damaged. The sheds and warehouses, as well as the docks at